GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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MSP for Bitter Ginger
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the plight of the growers of bitter ginger in the country due to the price fall and the exploitation by the middlemen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding the special package or fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for bitter ginger; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): No representation has been received from any State, farmers' association/committee/sangha, individual, etc.

(c) & (d): Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for those agricultural crops which are widely grown, have large area under cultivation, are items of mass consumption with fairly long shelf life and are necessary for maintaining food security. For agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under Price Support Scheme (PSS), Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is implemented to protect the growers from making distress sale. The scheme is implemented when there is glut in the market and the prices of the crops tend to fall below economic level/cost of production.

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